

Remarks

Claims 1-3, and 6 were previously pending in the application. In the present response the claims remain the same. Accordingly, after entry of the present response, Claims 1-3, and 6 will remain pending. Reconsideration is respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

Claim Rejection 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-3 and 6 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being-anticipated by Kato et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0063230), herein referred to as “Kato”.

Of the above-referenced claims, Claim 1 is independent. Accordingly, once patentability of that claim is established, all claims depending therefrom are likewise allowable.

Claim 1 has been amended for grammatical reasons. In this regard, the word “a” at line 8 of Claim 1 has been deleted.

Applicant respectfully submits that Kato does not disclose, teach, or otherwise suggest “a receiving container having sidewalls and a bottom face, the bottom face including a plurality of sockets . . . and a bottom pan having tabs for embracing the sidewalls of the receiving container and projecting plugs each having a substantially curved shape portion receivable into the sockets” as recited in Claim 1.

In this regard, the Examiner had referred to Figures 12 and 13 of the Kato reference as disclosing an LCD device comprising a back light assembly ([0054]); a receiving container (10) having sidewalls and a bottom face, the bottom face including a plurality of sockets (17) depressed below the bottom face for fixing the liquid crystal display device (10a) to an external member, the sockets (17) each having different diameters including a

smaller diameter entrance portion; a bottom pan (20) having tabs for embracing the sidewalls of the receiving container (10) and a plurality of projecting, plugs (27) each having a substantially curved shaped portion receivable into the sockets (17).

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner. As shown in Figure 12 and with further modifications shown in Figure 13, in the mounting structure of Kato, “[t]he liquid crystal module 10 has right and left sides, each of which is provided with two projecting portions 16 as engagement parts. . . . The bottom plate 20 has right and left rims which have inside right and left rim faces 20b and 20c. Each of the inside right and left faces 20b and 20c has two guide grooves 26 at corresponding positions to the above two projecting portions 16, so that the four guide grooves 26 are engaged with the four projecting portions 16.” (emphasis added [0182]) “In accordance with the present invention, the projecting portions 16 are provided on the side faces of the liquid crystal module 10 whilst the guide grooves 26 are provided on the inside faces of the right and left rims of the bottom plate 20 of the cover respectfully”. (emphasis added [0186])


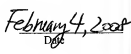
As such, the projecting portions 16 and the guide grooves shown in Figure 12, as well as the guide groove 17 and the projecting portions 27 shown in Figure 13 are each formed on sidewalls and/or rims of a corresponding module 10 or plate 20 **not**, for example, on the bottom face 320 of the receiving container 300 as shown in Applicant’s Figures 10 and 12, and as recited in Claim 1.

At least for the reasons indicated above, Applicant believes independent Claim 1 and Claims 2, 3, and 6 depending therefrom are allowable.


Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

Conclusion

In view of the remarks set forth above it is thought that the application is now in condition for allowance, notice whereof is respectfully requested of the Examiner. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2257. If the Examiner has any question or concerns, a telephone call to the undersigned at (408) 392-9250 is welcomed and encouraged.

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